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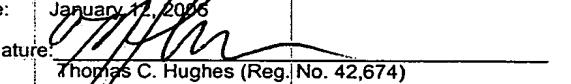
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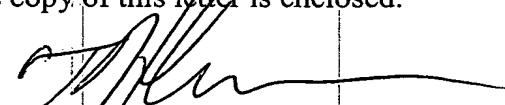

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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above identified patent application is an Amendment in Response to the Final Office Action mailed November 29, 2005.

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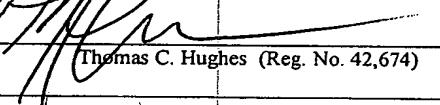
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SIR:

This addresses the Final Office Action dated November 29, 2005. Initially, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.